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INTRODUCTION

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Education-early childhood programs.

Sponsored by: HDRAFT

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to early childhood education and
2 development programs; providing funds available to local
3 governments and other political subdivisions in developing
4 early childhood and development systems; specifying
5 conditions for expenditures; imposing reporting
6 requirements; providing an appropriation; and providing for
7 an effective date.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.**

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13 (a) For the period commencing July 1, 2014, and
14 ending June 30, 2015, and subject to limitations specified

1 within this section, five hundred thousand dollars
2 (\$500,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the
3 department of family services for supplementing amounts
4 available locally and otherwise for collaborative work
5 between local governments and political subdivisions, state
6 agencies, and community stakeholders, in identifying,
7 extending, strengthening and developing a comprehensive
8 early childhood education and development system within
9 respective jurisdictions. Comprehensive early childhood
10 education and development systems shall encompass multiple
11 domains of early development, focusing on critical elements
12 necessary for childhood well-being and success in
13 kindergarten and beyond.

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15 (b) The amount appropriated by subsection (a) of this
16 section shall be expended by the department, in
17 consultation with the Wyoming early childhood state
18 advisory council, together with any funds received from
19 private sources, to:

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21 (i) Identify local governments and political
22 subdivisions within the state in which there is a
23 documented need supported by strong local leadership to

1 develop stakeholder communication including parents and
2 families, physical and mental health providers, early care
3 and education professionals, kindergarten through grade
4 twelve (12) education professionals and the broader local
5 community, including its services, support systems,
6 businesses, churches and individuals, to engage in a
7 collaboration with state agencies, to undertake strategic
8 planning and action focused on improvement of the well-
9 being of its children and families;

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11 (ii) Encourage collaborative work toward a
12 system of services and support that:

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14 (A) Honors the fact that families are a
15 child's first and most important teacher;

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17 (B) Recognizes the role of families and
18 communities in assisting children to become ready for
19 school success;

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21 (C) Serves as a resource within the
22 community, not a replacement or supplement to successful
23 and necessary programs and services which may exist;

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2 (D) Identifies a shared definition or
3 understanding for school readiness that assists individuals
4 with taking ownership of respective roles in preparing
5 children for lifetime success;

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7 (E) Provides a seamless transition between
8 early childhood education and development and kindergarten
9 through grade twelve (12) education programs;

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11 (F) Engages and supports parents and
12 families;

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14 (G) Focuses on early literacy; and

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16 (H) Creates dynamic connections across a
17 system to share information and resources.

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19 (c) On or before July 1, 2015, the department of
20 family services shall report expenditures of amounts
21 appropriated under this section to the joint education and
22 the joint labor, health and social services interim
23 committees, and recommend any modification to the

1 collaborative work effort funded under this appropriation,
2 together with any future funding sources.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2014.

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VOTE FORM

Joint Education Committee

Meeting Date: October 24, 2013

Motion

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Legislator

Yes

No

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